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Obtain an Article VI Court Order when it becomes necessary for an adjudicated delinquent to be placed in a residential treatment center out-of-state. Under Article VI of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC), a court hearing is required before the child is placed, with notice to the parent or guardian. Before the order is signed, the judge must find that:

- Equivalent facilities for the child are not available in the State of New Jersey.
- Residential placement is in the best interests of the child.
- The facility will be responsible for supervising the child and for forwarding quarterly supervisory reports to the local County Probation Department.
- The facility will promptly notify the local County Probation Department of a lack of progress which could affect the child's ability to complete the program and/or require the return of the child to the sending state.
- Institutional care in the other jurisdiction will not produce undue hardship.

When submitting an ICPC referral, attach a copy of the signed Article VI Court Order.

Click here to view an example of an Article VI Court Order.